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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy  
03/01/2017 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to agriculture; requiring the commissioner of agriculture to provide notice  
1.3 of the presence of certain noxious weeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,  
1.4 section 18.79, subdivision 18.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 18.79, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 18. **Noxious weed education and notification.** (a) The commissioner shall  
1.8 disseminate information and conduct educational campaigns with respect to control of  
1.9 noxious weeds or invasive plants to enhance regulatory compliance and voluntary efforts  
1.10 to eliminate or manage these plants. The commissioner shall call and attend meetings and  
1.11 conferences dealing with the subject of noxious weeds. The commissioner shall maintain  
1.12 on the department's Web site noxious weed management information including but not  
1.13 limited to the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government entities under sections  
1.14 18.76 to 18.91 and specific guidance as to whom a person should contact to report a noxious  
1.15 weed issue.

1.16 (b) The commissioner shall post notice on the commissioner's Web site and in appropriate  
1.17 agricultural media when a weed on the eradicate list is confirmed for the first time in a  
1.18 county.